



General Assembly

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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RED RIBBON COMMISSION ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND CARE IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-256 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services may administer, within
4 available appropriations, a program providing payment for the cost of
5 drugs prescribed by a physician for the prevention or treatment of
6 acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or human
7 immunodeficiency virus (HIV infection). The commissioner shall
8 determine specific drugs to be covered and may implement a
9 pharmacy lock-in procedure for the program. The commissioner shall
10 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
11 carry out the purposes of this section. The commissioner may
12 implement the program while in the process of adopting regulations,
13 provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is published in the
14 Connecticut Law Journal [within] not later than twenty days [of] after
15 implementation. The regulations may include eligibility for all persons
16 with AIDS or HIV infection whose income is below four hundred per
17 cent of the federal poverty level. [The] Beginning July 1, 2006, the
18 commissioner shall, within available federal resources, purchase and
19 maintain insurance policies for eligible clients, including, but not

20 limited to, coverage of costs associated with such policies, that provide
21 a full range of HIV treatments and access to comprehensive primary
22 care services as determined by the commissioner and as provided by
23 federal law, and may provide payment, determined by the
24 commissioner, for (1) drugs and nutritional supplements prescribed by
25 a physician that prevent or treat opportunistic diseases and conditions
26 associated with AIDS or HIV infection; (2) ancillary supplies related to
27 the administration of such drugs; and (3) laboratory tests ordered by a
28 physician.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 19a-112a of the general statutes is
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
31 *1, 2005*):

32 (b) (1) For the purposes of this section, "protocol" means the state of
33 Connecticut Technical Guidelines for Health Care Response to Victims
34 of Sexual Assault, including the Interim Sexual Assault Toxicology
35 Screen Protocol, as revised from time to time and as incorporated in
36 regulations adopted in accordance with subdivision (2) of this
37 subsection, pertaining to the collection of evidence in any sexual
38 assault investigation.

39 (2) The commission shall recommend the protocol to the Chief
40 State's Attorney for adoption as regulations in accordance with the
41 provisions of chapter 54. Such protocol shall include nonoccupational
42 post-exposure prophylaxis for human immunodeficiency virus (nPEP),
43 as recommended by the National Centers for Disease Control, which
44 prophylaxis shall be provided by the Office of Victim Services through
45 a pilot program conducted by said office during the fiscal years ending
46 June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007. The commission shall annually review
47 the protocol and may annually recommend changes to the protocol for
48 adoption as regulations.

49 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Office of Victim Services shall
50 allocate fifty thousand dollars of the amount appropriated to the Office
51 of Victim Services, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the nPEP

52 pilot program authorized by subsection (b) of section 19a-112a of the
53 general statutes, as amended by this act. Any unexpended balance of
54 such allotted amount shall not lapse on June 30, 2006, and shall
55 continue to be available for expenditure for such program during the
56 fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

57 (b) The Office of Victim Services shall allocate fifty thousand dollars
58 of the amount appropriated to the Office of Victim Services, for the
59 fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the nPEP pilot program authorized
60 by subsection (b) of section 19a-112a of the general statutes, as
61 amended by this act.

62 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
63 study the feasibility of offering incentives to local and regional boards
64 of education that offer a comprehensive program of instruction in
65 human sexuality for tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students, taught
66 by legally qualified teachers. For purposes of this section, a
67 "comprehensive program of instruction in human sexuality" is a
68 program that (1) is medically accurate, age and developmentally
69 appropriate and delivered in a planned, ongoing and systematic
70 fashion; and (2) includes, but is not limited to, information about
71 abstinence, sexually transmitted diseases, including human
72 immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome,
73 contraception and disease prevention.

74 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

75 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

76 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

77 (3) One each appointed by the majority and minority leaders of the
78 Senate and the House of Representatives; and

79 (4) The Commissioners of Education and Public Health, or the
80 commissioners' designees;

81 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)

82 to (3), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of
83 the General Assembly.

84 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
85 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
86 filled by the appointing authority.

87 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
88 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
89 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
90 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later
91 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

92 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
93 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
94 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

95 (g) Not later than January 1, 2006, the task force shall submit a
96 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
97 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
98 relating to education and public health, in accordance with the
99 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
100 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2006,
101 whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	17b-256
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	19a-112a(b)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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